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DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST REGIONS
Munda Shri Arjun

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of decision taken by the Union Cabinet pertaining to Special Reserve Fund for the development of North Eastern Region;

(b) whether these have been instances of neglect/ violation/ overlooking of such decision during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c): It was proposed to set apart a sum of Rs.500 crore to tackle special problems in Arunachal Pradesh and the border areas in the North Eastern Region, in the Budget speech for 2008-09. An additional amount of Rs.86.20 crore has been approved for undertaking projects in the North Eastern Region.

Funds are also provided for the development of North Eastern Region from the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). Further, a package of Rs.500 crore and an additional package of Rs.250 crore, have been announced for the development of the socio-economic infrastructure in Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) areas of Assam. An amount of Rs.6581.50 crore has been released upto 31.03.2010 from the NLCPR and the BTC packages.